

STATE REPRESENTATIVE JAYER WILLIAMSON



PROUDLY REPRESENTING DISTRICT 3



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A Look Back Before Stepping Forward



Although the 2020 Legislative Session concluded only a few months ago, it seems like decades since the House adjourned. Since then, we've lived in unprecedented times. However, our resiliency has carried us through and will sustain us as we move forward.

In past years of economic hardship, legislators made tough decisions to make sure that we met our constitutional requirement to balance the state's budget while not having to raise taxes on hardworking Floridians. During more recent times of financial prosperity, we kept our rainy-day fund full. **This forward-thinking — keeping healthy reserves and spending conservatively — has helped prepare us to weather the looming economic storm.**

While we would never look to raise taxes, this prudent strategy ensures that option is entirely off the table, and we can ignore any calls to place a higher burden on our state's residents and businesses during a down economy. As the nation grapples with COVID-19, many states will have to find a way to fill the holes in their state budgets as a result of declining revenue. **What will set Florida apart is that instead of raising taxes or making irresponsible cuts to vital services, we will continue to take a thoughtful approach to reduce the size and scope of government so that people can get back to normal quickly.**

Florida has among the most fiscally responsible budgets in the country, and when compared with other states, we provide services to our residents at a much lower cost. **While we weather this unprecedented public health crisis together be encouraged, that Florida will continue to be the best place in the world to live and work.**

2020
SESSION

HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL BUDGET



Nearly
\$4 BILLION
in Reserves



\$60.6 MILLION
COVID-19
Response



\$1.7 BILLION
Hurricane
Response



\$690 MILLION
Everglades Restoration
& Water Protection



\$370 MILLION
Affordable Housing
Initiatives



\$17 BILLION
PreK-12
Education Funding



FLGOPMajority



2487

| **Bills Filed** |

1845

| **Bills Heard** |

210

| **Bills Passed** |

Staying in Touch: Continuing to Serve

We are taking a break from our monthly e-newsletter distribution through the summer. However, you can stay up-to-date with the latest news from House District 3 on Facebook via @RepJayerWilliamson (the official office page) as well as @FLGOPMajority. For current bill status, visit MyFloridaHouse.gov.



As always, if you need assistance with a state agency, have a question or would like to share your viewpoints on legislative issues, email Jayer.Williamson@MyFloridaHouse.gov or call 850.889.4974.

FLORIDA'S REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

State Reemployment Assistance benefits are available to Floridians through the Department of Economic Opportunity who have been negatively impacted as a result of COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

Before you apply, please [CLICK HERE](#) to review the Reemployment Assistance Handbook. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the Claimant Guide to reference as you utilize the online system.

**CLICK
HERE**

If you are a **NEW CLAIMANT** applying for Reemployment Assistance benefits

PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Florida DEO announced last week that the Federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program is now available in Florida. This program provides up to 13 weeks of benefits to a claimant who has exhausted their Reemployment Assistance benefits. Use the buttons below for additional information. *Please note that unemployed Floridians who have exhausted their state Reemployment benefits will be notified with the next steps for PEUC by DEO.*

Check Eligibility

Application Process

Application Guide

Summer Constituent Service Days

Constituent Service Days in Central and South Santa Rosa County as well as those in North Okaloosa County will resume again in August!

Appointments are not required for our Constituent Service Days and meetings are held on a first-come-first-served basis. For additional information about any of our Constituent Service Days, please email HDIST003@myfloridahouse.gov.

*South Santa Rosa
Constituent Service Day*

Tuesday, August 4
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
*Tiger Point
Community Center
1370 Tiger Park Ln.
Gulf Breeze, FL 32563*

*Central Santa Rosa
Constituent Service Day*

Thursday – August 13
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
*SRC Economic
Development Office
6491 Caroline St., #4
Milton, FL 32570*

*North Okaloosa
Constituent Service Day*

Thursday – August 20
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
*UF IFAS Extension Okaloosa
Co.
3098 Airport Rd.
Crestview, FL 32539*